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REF: (A) FIGGINS-GLAZER TELCON 3/30; (B) VIENNA 2176; (C) VIENNA 2199

1. COMPOSITION OF SUBORDINATE BODIES: DEPARTMENT PLEASED BY PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH MEMBERSHIP FOR PROGRAM AND BUDGET COMMITTEE AND FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT LEVELS REPORTED REFTEL (B). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. VOTING: PROPOSAL TO REACH DECISIONS IN PBC AND IDB ON BASIS OF THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS OF MEMBER-SHIP PRESENT AND VOTING IS ALSO APPROVED. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT AN ABSTENTION IS COUNTED AS A PART OF A BLOCKING THIRD. WE STRONGLY PREFER THAT "PRESENT AND VOTING" BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN (CONTRARY TO

UNGA RULES OF PROCEDURE) THAT ABSTAINERS ARE COUNTED IN THE VOTE COMPUTATION SO THAT A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF ALL THOSE WHO VOTE AFFIRMATIVELY, NEGATIVELY OR WHO ABSTAIN IS REQUIRED TO ADOPT A DECISION.

- 3. PROCEDURE: DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT CURRENT PROPOSAL AS PART OF "PACKAGE" WOULD GIVE THE CONFERENCE LATITUDE TO "MAKE SUCH MODIFICATIONS AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY IN THE PROGRAM OF WORK WITHIN THE AMOUNTS OF THE REGULAR AND OPERATIONAL BUDGETS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD". (SEE REFTEL (C), PARA 9). WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT GROUP B DELEGATIONS ARE PREPARED TO AGREE TO THE CONFERENCE HAVING ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD READ: "IT MAY ALSO ALTER THE REGULAR AND OPERATIONAL BUDGETS BY ADJUSTING THE TOTAL AMOUNTS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEIR ADOPTION BY THE BOARD WHICH SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM OF WORK".
- 4. WE APPRECIATE THAT THE BUDGETS ARE TO BE PRESENTED BY THE IDB TO THE CONFERENCE SIX WEEKS PRIOR TO ITS BIENNIAL SESSION. THIS WOULD APPEAR TO LEAVE LITTLE TIME IN WHICH "UNFORESEEN" EVENTS COULD DEVELOP. NEVERTHELESS, THE CRITERIA AND AUTHORITY FOR DETERMINING "UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS" AND ELEMENTS "SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTING" PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION REMAIN UNCERTAIN. THE DEPARTMENT CAN AGREE WITH THE LANGUAGE QUOTED IN PARA 3 SUPRA ONLY IF THE DELEGATION CAN CONCERT WITH GROUP BET ALON ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE THAT THE INTERPRETATION OF "UNFORESEEN" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND "SIGNIFICANT" WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE AND CONSERVATIVE, RATHER THAN CASUAL, AND POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED.

5. THE DEPARTMENT REMAINS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE WISDOM OF REFERRING TO A PLENIPOTENTIARY THE ISSUES WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED BY IGC-V. US DEL SHOULD SEEK DEPARTMENTAL GUIDANCE BEFORE ACCEPTING SUCH A DECISION. CHRISTOPHER

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